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1. DEPT CONCURS IN PAO'S RESPONSE TO MFA CHABASINSKI'S DEMARCHE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS. USIA/DEPT PREPARING SURVEY POLISH INFORMATION CULURAL ACTIVITIES IN US (LARGELY FROM VISA RECORDS) FOR EMB BACKGROUND USE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS.
 2. IN OCT 18 COURTESY CALL ON CU ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON (MEMCON BEING POUCHED) DEPARTING POLISH EMB MINISTER FRACKIEWICZ AND NEW EMB MINISTER WIEJACZ BROUGHT UP SUBJECT FUTURE POLISH/AMERICAN CULTURAL RELATIONS "ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF INFORMATION BUT NOT EXCLUDING FIELD EDUCATION." POLES REFERRED TO USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH/DEPUTY MINFA BISZTYGA JULY WARSAW CONVERSATION, STRESSING DESIRE SENIOR POLISH OFFICIALS FOR LONGER RANGE PLANNING AND COORDINATION. WIEJACZ REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO NUMEROUS POLISH INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS OTHER COUNTRIES AND WORK CSCE THIS FIELD. ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON WELCOMED OPPORTUNITIES BROADEN AND DEEPEN EDUCATIONAL AND
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CULTURAL TIES, NOTING THAT US WOULD BE PLEASED EXAMINE

POLISH IDEAS, AS WELL AS SUGGEST NEW AREAS COOPERATION OF INTEREST TO US. MR. RICHARDSON STRESSED THAT US NORMALLY PREFERS NOT TO HAVE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS, AND THAT US WOULD PREFER SEE US/POLISH GOOD PROGRESS THESE AREAS IN RECENT PAST BE CONTINUED THROUGH CONSULTATIONS RATHER THAN FORMAL AGREEMENTS.

3. IN 31 OCT CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF AT POLISH EMB RECEPTION, WIEJACZ SAID POLES WOULD LIKE SEND CULTURAL DELEGATION TO US, BUT STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT THEY NOT RPT NOT REQUESTING CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

4. COMMENT: WE CONCUR COMMENTS REFTEL (A) THAT GOP POSITION ON DESIRABILITY SOME TYPE CULTURAL ACCORD HAS UNDERGONE MODIFICATION SINCE MFA DEPUTY MINISTER SPASOWSKI ASSURED AMB STOESSEL THAT GOP WOULD NOT SEEK CULTURAL AGREEMENT (REFTEL B). QUITE POSSIBLE THAT GOP AWARENESS OF INITIAL USG DISCUSSIONS CULTURAL AGREEMENTS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY HAS INFLUENCED GOP THINKING, IN ADDITION TO US INFORMATION ACTIVITIES POLAND. WOULD WELCOME EMB SUGGESTIONS AS TO POSSIBLE FUTURE AVENUES CO-OPERATION OR CONSULTATIONS WHICH MIGHT IN PART SATISFY POLISH OBJECTIVES WITHOUT ENTERING INTO FORMAL AGREEMENTS WHICH WE CONTINUE DESIRE TO AVOID. KISSINGER

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